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STEWARDSHIP

This is the first of several articles to help reaffirm "OUR COVENANT" from the June, 1988 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. The Covenant was adopted by the delegates to the Assembly, and with an extremely favorable vote was to be taken back to each congregation.

To assist each congregation in reaffirming this Covenant, let us re-focus on the Preamble and the first two Promises.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of God in Assembly at the Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA, June, 1988, recognize that we are stewards of the gifts God has graciously bestowed upon us.

We recognize that we have committed ourselves through the Church and this Synod to be active in mission and ministry for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We also recognize that our common work requires financial resources from our congregations to support the churchwide organization and Synod programs and ministries.

We therefore resolve to covenant with each other and recommend the following as a guide to congregations to enable them to evaluate their response to our common expectations of each other.

PROMISES

We will covenant with the Synod on an annual basis in support of our common mission and ministry. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have common concerns for others in our own congregation, our community, our Synod, and beyond. In order to meet our common mission and ministry, each congregation needs to prayerfully and financially support the Synod on an annual basis to realize that promise to each other. The Synod Stewardship Committee is facilitating visitations to each congregation to help them understand what our common mission and ministry is and how it is financially supported. The visit also seeks information from the congregation on how the Synod can provide support for the congregation.

We will give a percentage off the top of our congregational income to the Synod every month. For example, congregation "A" decided to tithe 10% to the Synod to support the Covenant. Their congregational income for the month of January was $18,000. They would send $1,800 in financial support to the Synod. Since this is the method of financial support preferred by the delegates at the Synod Assembly, the Synod Stewardship Committee encourages your congregation to review your procedures regarding Synod financial support. If your congregation is not presently using this method, please use last year's monthly income totals, pick a percentage, and see how much that would amount to. The totals might surprise you. Then please discuss this portion of the Covenant in your church council meeting.

(Written by John Breen, member of the Synod Stewardship Committee)

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAUL MANZ HYMN FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT P.L.T.S.

Dr. Paul Manz, world famous Lutheran organist, will lead HYMN FESTIVAL 1989 at Gethsemane Lutheran in Seattle on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Manz will perform with a combined guest church choir to assist the audience in the hymn singing. This will be a fund raiser for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. President Jerry Schmalenberger will offer meditations on the theme of the festival, "Night No More". Free parking and child care provided.

LENT

"SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME"

A performance of Seattle Public Theater's play, "Show Me the Way to Go Home", co-sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran, Seattle, will be presented at Gethsemane Lutheran, 9th and Stewart in downtown Seattle on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The play about home and its loss suggests that homelessness is a part of everyone's life. Tickets $2.50; call 682-3620 for info.

UKRAINIAN EGG WORKSHOP

Grunewald Guild of Leavenworth, WA, presents this workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Maple Leaf Lutheran in Seattle, 10005-32nd Ave. NE, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Decorate an egg or two and return home with the materials and inspiration to do many more eggs. Bring brown bag lunch, a candle stub, a low candle holder, three white blemish-free eggs, an egg carton, and a cotton glove. The $25.00 fee includes tuition and complete kit. Phone (509) 763-3693.

FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE

"Being a Family in Today's World: Problems and Possibilities" is the theme of this conference sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle on March 1-2 at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, 3605-84th Ave. SE. Wednesday evening's schedule is 7-9:30 pm, and Thursday morning 9 am-3 pm. Anyone interested in the development of healthy family relationships should attend. Call 525-1213 for more info.

HOLDEN YOUTH EVENTS

Holden Village

Registration forms have been mailed for Holden youth weekends May 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, & 27-29. All weekends are Saturday-Monday. These weekends are very popular, so sign up your congregation's youth right away! Questions? Call Jim & Penny Sager, (503) 238-0822, 7-8 am or 6-10:30 pm.

CONGREGATION HERITAGE WORKSHOP

To help congregations plan anniversary and historical celebrations, this workshop has become very helpful. Congregational historical committees also learn how to work with historical documents of the parish in setting up their archives. This seventh annual event will be held July 23-25 at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. For further information and registration forms, contact Rev. Roger Peterson, Director of Church Relations, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa 52101-1045, (319) 387-1271.

LENTEN SERIES--"WALKING WITH CHRIST IN MARRIAGE"

Lutheran Social Services and St. Matthew's Lutheran in Renton invite you to attend this inspirational and nurturing 3-part presentation March 2, 9, and 16 from 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Matthew's, 1700 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton. The speakers, Ken & Joan Grieser, have been highly recommended for their ability to communicate the Gospel in the very practical and personal experience of marriage and family. Couples are encouraged to pre-register by calling Fran Davis, 365-2700. Cost is $25.00 per couple for entire series; $30.00 per couple for late registration; or $12.00 per couple for single presentations. Registration deadline is Feb. 24.

CHOIR FROM FINLAND

The Handel Choir of St. John Church, Tampere, Finland, will be in concert at Gethsemane, Seattle, on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

Prayers are needed for Gloria Fjelsta (wife of O.B. Fjelstad) who is criticall ill following surgery for a brain aneurysm Cards and calls should be directed to Firs Lutheran Church, 615 N. Water Ave., Idah Falls, ID 83402, (208) 522-9301 . . Prayers also for the family of Ka Ericksen, wife of Henry Ericksen, wh passed away on Feb. 8 . . . Dr. A.G Fjellman has begun serving as Interi President of Trinity Lutheran Seminary i Columbus, Ohio. He will serve for si months while a search is conducted for new president.

REGION I
PASTORAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 17-20, 1989

EMPRESS HOTEL
VICTORIA B.C.

WHERE'S THE COMMUNION WARE?

The Region I Pastor's Conference Pla ning Committee would like to know if anyc knows where the Conference's Communion se are located. If you know, please conta Pastor Lee Kluth at 363-8100.

FOLLOW-UP TO JANITORIAL SUPPLIES SCAM

In last month's "Soundings" we reported on International Unlimited Supplies, Inc. in Harvey, Illinois. Pastor Phil Petrasek of Peace Lutheran, Seattle, dealt with them two years ago and ended up calling the State Attorney General's Office to stop the harassment from a collection agency. Phil called the Attorney General's Office again to tell them the company has resurfaced. Please call the Attorney General's Office at 464-6367 if your congregation has had dealings with this company. Thank you.

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORY

Believe it or not, a new 1989 directory for Region I clergy and congregations will be coming out soon. If you would like a copy(ies), notify the Synod Office and send your check for $4.00 made payable to the Northwest Washington Synod.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR CLERGY

A new financial publication for clergy, Social Security for Clergy, is now available from Manfred Holck, publisher of the Church Management CLERGY JOURNAL. It is current for 1989 benefits and information. Holck also publishes several other financial publications of interest to clergy. For information on these resources, write to Church Management, Inc., P O Box 162527, Austin, TX 78716.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF LOADING DATES

Remember boxcar loading dates: Friday and Saturday mornings, MAY 12-13, at Our Redeemer Lutheran, 2400 NW 85th, Seattle. The needs remain the same: light to medium weight clothing for men and children, sweaters of all kinds for men, women & children, cotton fabric or blends (NOT KNITS) at least 3 yards or as much as a bolt, quilts (60x80), blankets, layettes, sewing kits, soap, school uniforms.

LWR Key Leaders for our Synod are Ken and Ruth Helling, 285-6962. Please send letters, freight checks, address changes and mailing list requests to Ken and Ruth at 2370 W. Viewmont Way W., Seattle, 98199.

SEARCH BIBLE STUDY TRAINING

The spring training sessions for congregational leadership will be April 7-9 at Coeur d'Alene, ID; and April 28-30 at Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah. Please contact Marcia Olson, 937-3765, for more information.

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

For the first time, the weekly legislative newsletter of the Washington Association of Churches, the LEGISLATIVE ALERT, is being published in cooperation with the Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington (LPPO). For those of you interested in the activities of the legislature, this is an excellent source of information. It will keep you abreast of many important issues of concern to the church community.

Due to resource limitations, the LPPO cannot publish its own legislative newsletter, so the ALERT is all the more valuable. Cost of an individual subscription for the session is just $10.00. To subscribe, simply make your check payable to and mail to:

Washington Association of Churches
4759 - 15th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98105

For further information, call 525-1988.

HOMESHARING FOR SENIORS

Many people have found affordable, secure housing through this intergenerational program through the Senior Services of Seattle/King County. This no-fee service helps seniors and younger folk who seek housing and companionship. Call 448-5725.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Foss Home Corporation will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm at the Foss Home, 13023 Greenwood Ave. No., Seattle.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (LOMA) will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, February 26 at 2 pm at the Center for Renewal in Issaquah.

NEW ASSISTED LIVING UNITS

Bethany of the Northwest in Everett announces a new Assisted Living Program. They offer 18 living areas, 3 meals daily, and weekly housekeeping service. An attendant is on hand to offer assistance with daily living tasks, and regular activities and fellowship will encourage residents to socialize. Applications for residency are now being accepted. Contact Kay Barnett at 259-5508.

1989 NCCC ECUMENICAL TRAVEL SEMINARS

Contact the Synod Office for more information on travel seminars sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ to the USSR, the Philippines, and Brazil. Future trips are being planned in '90 and '91 to Australia and the Pacific in connection with the 1991 World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra, Australia.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WORKSHOP ON CLERGY LIABILITY

Fuller Theological Seminary is co-sponsoring this one-day informational workshop on clergy liability on Thursday, March 9, 9:15 am-3:30 pm at Nendel's University Plaza, I-5 and 45th NE in Seattle. Cost is $40 per person (lunch and materials included). Designed for pastors, youth workers, church business administrators, executives of Christian organizations, directors of church-related counseling centers and Christian day care centers and schools. Enrollment limited and pre-registration is necessary. Call 284-9000 to register.

LUTHERANS RESPOND TO AIDS

Registration forms have been mailed to congregations regarding this one-day conference for the Lutheran church community. The conference will provide information on the medical, social and religious aspects of AIDS, and will empower congregations to respond to AIDS and people with AIDS in whatever manner is suitable for them. It will be held on Saturday, March 11, at Trinity Lutheran, 6211-196th SW, Lynnwood. Questions? Call LSSW at 365-2700.

WORKSHOP ON ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION

"After you say you're sorry..." is an important workshop for clergy, social workers and other caregivers to help them discuss organ/tissue donation options with those who have experienced the death of a family member. This 1/2-day workshop will be held on Thursday, March 16, 11 am to 3:30 pm at the Newport Covenant Church in Bellevue. Cost is $10 (or $12 at the door) and includes lunch and workshop materials.

Sponsored by the King County Medical Society Auxiliary in association with the Organ & Tissue Donation Alliance, and endorsed by the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Deadline to register is March 1. Call Patty Rasic at 232-7743.

LITE Lutheran Institute for Theological Education In the Pacific Northwest

SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

The LITE Summer Institute will be held July 10-14 at Pacific Lutheran University. Three speakers will address the conference: Rev. Jerry Schmalenberger, President of PLTS; Dr. Timothy Lull, Philadelphia, who has been writing a series of columns in THE LUTHERAN; and Dr. Gracia Grindal, LNTS in St. Paul, known on a national level for her writings and lectures. Worship will be coordinated by Dan Erlander, PLU campus pastor. Tuition $100 plus room and board.

7TH BIENNIAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

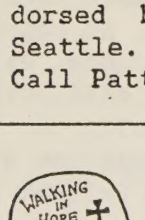
Registration for clergy, lay professional staff and their spouses is limited to 250 for this popular event on Sept. 25-28 at a cost of $160 per person.

Three prominent speakers will be featured: Dr. Choong Chee Pang, President of Trinity Theological College in Singapore and one of the premiere theologians in Asia; Dr. Paul Hanson, Professor of Old Testament at Harvard; and Dr. Phyllis Anderson, Director for Theological Education in the Division for Ministry/ELCA, directing education in the ELCA's seminaries.

Call the LITE office at 535-7342 for more information on these events.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR ALL LAY STAFF

The Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers of the Northwest announces their annual meeting for all lay staff in a Lutheran congregation or agency (certified or non-certified). Scheduled for May 8-12 at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the cost is $110 (see registration form). Continuing education credit from LITE is available.



REGISTRATION FORM

"WALKING IN HOPE: GIVING FEET TO FAITH"

MAY 8-12,1989

LUTHERHAVEN, COEUR D'ALENE, ID

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ROOMMATE CHOICE(S):You may choose up to 5 roommates. Please note that space in the lodge will be assigned on a greatest need or first come/first serve basis.

1._____ 2._____

3._____ 4._____

5._____

GOLF OR SWEATSHIRT CHOICE: Please reserve for me the following shirt in the indicated color and size at the price of $11 each. (If you want more than one shirt, please be clear about the color and size of each.)

Check your choices: (A) ___Golf shirt ___Sweatshirt

(B) ___Jade ___White ___Red ___Lt. Blue ___Turquoise

(C) ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___Xtra Large

A $25 deposit is required. (Or pay full amount of $110.) Send registration and check payable to APLLM/NW to Chuck Houglum, 309 W. 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98660

Deposit ($25) due by April 7, 1989 and is *non-refundable after this date.* Balance ($85) is due by April 21, 1989.

HOIR DIRECTOR

Grace Lutheran, Bellevue, is seeking a hoir director for their adult choir; contact June Jansen, 641-7542.

RE-SCHOOL/DAY CARE DIRECTOR

Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor, is seeking pplicants for Director of their pre-school nd day care. Call Pastor Gary othenberger for details, 776-2444.

AMP DIRECTOR

Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio, is earching for a year-round Director (clergy r lay). DEADLINE TO APPLY MARCH 1st. end resumes to Rev. Roger Quay, Search ommittee Chairperson, PO Box 1266, oshocton, OH 43812.

OUTH DIRECTOR

An active, large church in So. Calif. is seeking to fill the position of Youth Director in April. Call Pastor Tom Brashears at Mt. of Olives Lutheran, (714) 837-7467, or send resume to 24772 Chrisanta Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

OFFICE MANAGER

Applications are being accepted for the full-time position of Office Manager of Holy Trinity, Mercer Island, 8501 SE 40th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040, 232-3270.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, is accepting applications for Administrative Secretary in the Office of Development and Church Relations. Position requires knowledge of the Lutheran church, computer and record-keeping abilities, secretarial and office management skills. Send resumes BY MARCH 15 to Dr. C. Jack Eichhorst, Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Providence Heights, Issaquah, WA 98027; 392-0400.

ACADEMIC DEAN

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA seeks an ELCA clergy whose qualifications include a Ph.D. or Th.D. and leadership experience in higher education. Position available July 1, 1989. Applications accepted UNTIL APRIL 15. Women and persons of color are encouraged to apply. Write to President, PLTS, 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708-1597.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL MINISTRY FACILITATOR

Applications are being taken for the above position. The facilitator would work together with the Synod Congregational Social Ministry Coordinating Team and the ELCA Division of Congregational Life in planning strategies for the empowerment of congregations in our Synod to do social ministry.

The work would involve 5 days per month with an annual salary of $3,000 paid by a grant from the ELCA. The 5 days would be arranged according to personal and programmatic needs.

The general job description is to work with the Coordinating Team, recruit and train a Resource Team, support the Team in the field, and report back to the Synod and the ELCA Congregational Social Ministry staff.

Desired characteristics are commitment to social ministry and congregations; ability to work with individuals and groups; ability to delegate responsibilities; and skills with planning, recordkeeping, report writing, and following through on assigned tasks.

Please send a resume or written description of your life experience demonstrating these skills to the Chair of the Synod Board of Social Concerns, Carolyne Pietz, 2138 N. 156th Pl., Seattle, 98133. If you wish more information, call her at 367-0358. Applications must be received BY MARCH 8.

CHAPLAIN

Josephine Sunset Home, a 182-bed long-term care facility located in Stanwood, is seeking applicants for a full-time chaplain to become part of their caring team. Responsible for developing and implementing a coordinated pastoral care ministry for residents, families and staff. Candidates must be ordained ELCA/LCMS clergy with experience in long-term care setting, CPE and/or counseling accreditation preferred. Send resume to Josephine Sunset Home, 9901 - 272nd Pl., Stanwood, WA 98292, 629-2126

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Our Savior, Issaquah, has for sale a Gestetner 1120 Electronic Stencil Imager, mint condition, 5 years old, $750 or best offer. Bonus: FREE Gestetner 460 Stencil Duplicator (mimeograph), good condition, 10 years old. Contact Sherry Kiefel, 392-4169.

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February

15 Interim Pastors lunch, The Hearthstone, Bremerton
19 Paul Manz Hymn Festival, Gethsemane, 7:30p
20 PRESIDENT'S DAY--SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED

March

2 Youth Committee, Trinity, Lynnwood, 4 pm
4 Synod Council, St. John, Seattle, 9 am
9-13 Conference of Bishops, Dallas
10 Global Mission Committee, St. John, Seattle
18 Board of Social Concerns, St. Matthew's, Edmonds, 9 am
24 GOOD FRIDAY--SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
26 E A S T E R
30 Board of Congregational Life, Prince of Peace North, 7:30 pm

April

7-8 Synod Council Retreat, LBI
14-15 ELCA Church Council, Chicago
17-20 Region I Pastoral Conference, Victoria, BC
20 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace No., 6 pm
21-22 Region I Council meeting
25 Retired clergy, spouses & widows luncheon
29-30 Regional Consultation with Boards of Congregational Life

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